

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 14, 2004. Claims 1-78 are pending in the application. In the restriction requirement, these claims are divided into two groups:

- I. Claims 1-34, and
- II. Claims 35-78.

In response, applicants elect Group II without traverse. Claims 1-34 are withdrawn from prosecution. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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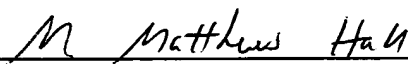
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